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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, CA

SUBJECT: TEXTILES: PROPOSED RETALIATION AGAINST CANADA'S  
ARTICLE XIX RESTRICTIONS

1. SHANNON, DIRECTOR, COMMERICAL POLICY, EXTAFF, TELEPHONED THE EMBASSY THIS EVENING (JUNE 27) TO SAY THAT GOC HAS LEARNED STR STRAUSS HAS CALLED IN AMBASSADOR WARREN FOR 5:00 P.M. MEETING JUNE 28, AND THAT STRAUSS IS EXPECTED TO INDICATE TO WARREN THAT USG WILL PUBLISH ITS PROPOSED RETALIATION LIST IN FEDERAL REGISTER AT VERY EARLY DATE. SHANNON HAD JUST COME FROM INTER-AGENCY MEETING WHERE IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT THIS ACTION WOULD MAKE IT EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT FOR MINISTERS TO GIVE OBJECTIVE CONSIDERATION TO OPTIONS PAPER WHICH WILL BE BEFORE CABINET SHORTLY. SHANNON SAID GOC MACHINERY HAS BEEN OPERATING AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. HE POINTED OUT THAT EXTAFF HAD FLOWN PAPER TO JAMIESON IN EUROPE WHERE JAMIESON HAD APPROVED IT. HE WAS NOT SURE WHETHER MACDONALD AND CHRETIEN HAVE INITIALED YET BUT WAS CONFIDENT PAPER WOULD BE FORWARDED TO CABINET IN VERY NEAR FUTURE. SHANNON SAID GOC HAS NO DOUBT ABOUT SERIOUSNESS OF USG INTENTIONS BUT HE ARGUED THAT PUBLICATION OF FEDERAL CONFIDENTIAL

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REGISTER NOTICE BEFORE CABINET HAS ACTED WOULD HARDEN POSITIONS ALL AROUND AND WOULD CREATE MAJOR ISSUE IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WHICH MIGHT BE AVOIDED WITH A FEW MORE DAYS DELAY.

2. COMMENT: SHANNON HAS PROMISED TO GIVE US ANOTHER READING MORNING OF JUNE 28 ON POSSIBLE TIMETABLE OF

CABINET CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE. EMBASSY AGREES THAT PUBLICATION OF RETALIATION LIST WOULD CREATE PROBLEM FOR GOC CABINET BY MAKING IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THEY ARE ACTING UNDER DURESS. IF PROCESS IS INDEED IN TRAIN WHICH COULD LEAD TO GOC CABINET DECISION BY JULY 7 AS EARLIER SUGGESTED BY ARTHUR, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT FEW DAYS DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE COULD CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTION MEETING USG OBJECTIVES. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT STRAUSS EMPHASIZE STRENGTH OF OUR VIEWS TO WARREN, SAY THAT IN LIGHT OF REPRESENTATIONS (WHICH WARREN WILL NO DOUBT REITERATE) WE ARE PREPARED TO DEFER FOR A FEW MORE DAYS PUBLICATION WHICH WE HAD PLANNED FOR JULY 1, AND THAT UNLESS WE HAVE ACCEPTABLE RESPONSE FROM GOC CABINET NO LATER THAN JULY 7 RETALIATION LIST WILL BE PUBLISHED AS QUICKLY THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE. ENDERS

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